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Remarks

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The indication that claims 11-16 have been allowed is acknowledged with thanks.

Claims 17-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101. Claim 17 has been canceled. Claims 18-20 depend from claim 11 (not claim 17) and are directed to embodiments of the information recording apparatus defined in claim 11. Claims 18-20 are not directed to a program and are directed to statutory subject matter. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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